



## DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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### **DIAMOND HEAD STATE MONUMENT AND SUMMIT TRAIL REOPEN FRIDAY AFTER COMPLETED MAINTENANCE OF TRAIL SLOPES AND ROCKFALL MITIGATION**

HONOLULU – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will reopen the historic summit trail at Diamond Head State Monument on Friday, November 21, following a month-long project to conduct maintenance of the slopes and rock scaling of potential rockfall hazards along the trail.

“The Diamond Head State Monument summit trail attracts more than 600,000 residents and visitors annually. This maintenance project is part of our efforts to keep this unique and highly popular natural park safe and enjoyable for the public,” said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources closed the historic summit trail at Diamond Head State Monument, for a month – from Monday, October 20, 2008 to Thursday, November 20, 2008 – to conduct maintenance of the slopes, and scaling of potential rockfall hazards along the trail, and closed the crater this week during rock scaling above the entrance tunnel. The contractor for this maintenance project is Prometheus Construction. The total construction contract is for \$384,000.

The maintenance of these areas is the first phase of the state’s planned upgrades to the historic summit trail at Diamond Head State Monument.

Subsequent phases will include the Diamond Head Trail Improvements Project, now currently in the design stage, which will improve sections of the trail that have deteriorated due to usage, age and weathering. Improvements will address the narrow corridors and other trail sections that have deteriorated; and install safer stairways and wider walkways, install slope stabilization and rockfall mitigation measures, and construct a loop trail connecting the Summit Lookout and the

rest-stop landing at the top of the pedestrian tunnel.

Future phases of the rockfall mitigation and slope stabilization project will include work along Diamond Head Road and Poka Place.

For more information, please contact State Parks at 587-0300, or visit the State Parks website at [www.hawaiistateparks.org](http://www.hawaiistateparks.org).

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